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In re Application of

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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.137(b), filed September 1, 2004, to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned as a result of petitioner's failure to file an appeal brief (and fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(c)) within the time period provided in 37 CFR 1.192(a). As an appeal brief (and appeal brief fee) was not filed within two (2) months of the Notice of Appeal filed January 6, 2004, and no extensions of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) were obtained, the appeal was dismissed and the proceedings as to the rejected claims were terminated. See 37 CFR 1.192(b) & 1.197(c). As no claim was allowed, the-aboveidentified application became abandoned on March 3, 2004. See MPEP 1215.04.

The above-identified application is being revived solely for purposes of continuity. As continuity has been established by this decision reviving the above-identified application, the aboveidentified application is again abandoned in favor of a continuing application filed on September 1, 2004.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Wan Laymon at (571) 272-3220.

This matter is being referred to Files Repository.

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